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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Nevada Department of Wildlife Bluebell and Goshute Peak Water Project. The document (DOI-BLM-NV-E030-2014-005-EA) will be available for review on August 25, 2015 online at: <http://1.usa.gov/1P4tS61> Hard copies will be available upon request from the Elko District Office. Comments will be accepted until 4:30 pm Pacific Daylight Time on September 23, 2015.

The BLM and the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) are proposing a riparian enhancement and water development maintenance and installation project in the Goshute Mountain/Toano Range, approximately 15 miles southwest of Wendover, Nevada. The proposed project consists of the following:

- 1) construct temporary pipe rail fences around five degraded springs within the Bluebell and Goshute Peak Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) to improve wildlife water sources thereby benefiting/improving wilderness values;
- 2) repair or modify existing "grandfathered" water diversions and troughs to a functional condition for wildlife; and
- 3) construct two water developments and troughs for wildlife.

The proposed project would result in less than 0.59 acres of surface disturbance.

This EA is being provided to the interested public for review and comment for 30 days. We welcome your feedback and encourage you to submit substantive comments for inclusion into the Final EA. Comments will be accepted until September 23, 2015. In order to provide meaningful input, please submit your substantive comments that are applicable to the proposed project, referencing the EA where possible.

Please provide written comments to the BLM Elko District Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801 Attn: Bruce Thompson at the above address or e-mail [WellsNepaComments@blm.gov](mailto:WellsNepaComments@blm.gov) with "Goshute WSA EA" in the subject line. Please ensure your input is as specific as possible. Be advised that **only** the comments received by postal mail or to this specific e-mail address will be considered in the completion of the Final EA, Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

For more information, contact Bruce Thompson, Wild Horse Specialist, at (775) 753-0200.

Sincerely,

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